AP Verbs  
(to use in essays)

Practice using a variety of words to phrase “said” and “symbolize” in different ways. Avoid using “symbolize” because students find it too easy to write “x symbolizes y” and then neglect to explain or justify with details.

Show

Symbolize

Relay

Signify

Develop

Characterize

Evoke

Introduce

Detail

Minimize

Parallels

Weaken

Promote

Writes

Contributes

Testifies

Affirms

Entails

Directs

Support

Define

Adds

Validates

Dismiss

Proposes

Reaffirms

Render

Paint

Tint

Simplify

Juxtapose

Epitomize

Suggest

Portray

Allude

Describe

Involves

View

Convey

Portend

Maximize

Corroborate

Display

Produces

Continues

Cause

Verifies

Deters

Explains

Compare

Legitimize

Enforces

Detract

Invalidates

Justify

Mislead

States

Comprehend

Builds

Understand

Complicate

Combines

Refer

Amplify

Concludes

Points

Affects

Certifies

Presents

Traces

Contrast

Deny

Enhance

Resembles

Hint

Translate

Guide

Specify

Link

Balances

Envelops

Shows

Connect

Demonstrate

Infer

Represent

Discover

Use

Draw

Transmit

Magnify

Reiterate

Correlate

Confuse

Defy

Reinforce

Contradict

Create

Indicates

Address

Complement

Communicate

Illustrate

Imply

Relate

Reveal

Reflect

Diminish

Enable

Establish

Foreshadow

Identify

Symbolize

Strengthen

Exemplifies

Consider

Stem

Effect

Vouch

Marks

Leads

Ascertain

Evolves

Expresses